

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that was inserted after the title and before the first line of the above-identified application in the Preliminary Amendment filed September 12, 2003 with the following amended paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of Japanese Application 2002-268765, filed ~~September 13, 2003~~ September 13, 2002, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference. |